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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

1. PLEASE DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE FOLLOWING TEXT
OF SECRETARY'S MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION TO DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER 'ABD AL-HALIM KHADDAM.
BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I GREATLY APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU AND
TO DISCUSS THE WAYS OUR TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT HELP THE CAUSE
OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. YOUR ACCOUNT OF THE ORIGINS
OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT WAS INTERESTING AND USEFUL.
I WAS MOST IMPRESSED WHEN YOU INDICATED THAT WHAT WAS PAST
WAS PAST, AND THAT WE HAD TO LOOK FORWARD TO WHAT COULD BE
ACHIEVED IN THE FUTURE. I, TOO, SHARE THIS VIEWPOINT.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW ALSO HOW MUCH I ENJOYED THE DINNER YOU
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HONORED ME WITH, AS WELL AS THE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS YOU MADE
FOR MY COMFORT AND THAT OF MY PARTY.

IN FLYING BACK TO WASHINGTON AFTER LEAVING YOUR BEAUTIFUL
CAPITAL, I REFLECTED ON THE IDEAS AND CONCEPTS WE EXCHANGED
WITH EACH OTHER. I AM CONVINCED THAT I NOW HAVE A FAR
BETTER AND CLEARER PERCEPTION OF SYRIA'S POSITION. I HOPE,

FOR YOUR PART, THAT YOU WILL MORE FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DETERMINATION THAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO APPLY IN SEEKING PEACE.

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE HAD AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE EVOLVING SITUATION. I, THEREFORE, WOULD BE PLEASED IF YOU COULD PAY A VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN APRIL SO THAT WE COULD REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS THAT WILL HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE MEANTIME AND EXAMINE WHAT THE FUTURE MIGHT BRING. IF YOU CAN ACCEPT THIS INVITATION, I WILL ASK AMBASSADOR MURPHY TO CONSULT WITH YOU ON A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE FOR YOUR VISIT.

SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE. END TEXT.

2. SIGNED ORIGINAL COMING BY POUCH.
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